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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 56 (MAY 10, 1977)

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE 56TH MISSION WIDE SURVEY INCLUDING REPORTS
FROM LUBUMBASHI.

MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 091700Z MAY 77.

NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATIONS
GRAPHIC SERIES 1501 MAPS.

2. HOSTILE FORCES:

A. DDN APPARENTLY HAS RECEIVED THE RESULTS OF PHOTO RECON MISSIONS OVER THE KAPANGA AREA. ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC READ-OUT WAS MADE AVAILABLE, EARLIER REPORTS THAT HOSTILE FORCES WERE NO LONGER IN KAPANGA ITSELF SEEM TO HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIATED.

B. NO OTHER REPORTS OF HOSTILE ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY DDN, ALTHOUGH LOCAL PRESS STATES INVADERS ARE RETREATING.

3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:

A. KOLWEZI/DILOLO AXIS: NO REPORTED CHANGE.

B. IN THE KAFAKUMBA SUB-SECTOR, COL DIKUTA HIMSELF HAS GONE TO HIS FORWARD COMMAND POST AT KWANDA (0934S/2409E). OTHERWISE NO CHANGE.

C. BG SINGA AND THE 5TH MILITARY REGION COMMANDER, BG ELUMBA, ARE COORDINATING PLANS FOR RETAKING KAPANGA (0821S/2240E). NO CHANGE FROM SITREP 55, HOWEVER, TWO REINFORCED COMPANIES OPERATING WEST OF THE LULUA RIVER ARE AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF INFLATABLE BOATS, IN ORDER TO CROSS THE RIVER SOME 300 METERS WIDE IN THIS AREA.

D. ACCORDING AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI, SNCZ REPORTS THAT A PORTION OF GENERAL SINGA'S ETAT MAJOR HAS SET UP ITS STAFF HEAD-QUARTERS IN MUTSHATSHA.

4. MOROCCAN FORCES: NO CHANGE REPORTED TO DDN.

5. AIR: REPORTEDLY THE EGYPTIAN MIRAGE PILOTS HAVE COMPLETED AREA FAMILIARIZATION FLIGHTS AT NDJILI AND ARE READY TO LEAVE FOR KAMINA BASE (0844S/2500E). THE FAZ DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS, BG CONFIDENTIAL

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BOTETI, IS TO GO TO KAMINA ON 10 MAY, TO ASSURE THAT FACILITIES ARE READY FOR THE EGYPTIAN PILOTS.

6. DOMESTIC PRESS: KINSHASA PRESS CONTINUES TO HEADLINE NEWS FROM THE FRONT WHILE NEGLECTING TO GIVE MUCH DETAIL. "SALONGO" BANNER HEADLINE FOR MAY 10, "THE GUIDE IN KOLWEZI," IS FOLLOWED BY A SINGLE PARAGRAPH DESCRIBING MOBUTU'S LANDING AND CONVERSATIONS AT KOLWEZI. UNDER LARGE FRONT PAGE PHOTO OF MOBUTU WITH THE TROOPS IS PROMINENT LINE: "PRESIDENT CARTER APPROVES FRENCH INITIATIVE TO AID ZAIRE." CARTER STORY IS AGAIN GIVEN FRONT PAGE TREATMENT IN "ELIMA." BOTH STORIES GIVE ONLY CURSORY DETAILS OF A CARTER TALK WITH GISCARD D'ESTAING." "SALONGO" EDITORIAL: "THE PERMANENCE OF SOLIDARITY" CONTINUES A VERBAL ASSAULT ON THE "THE SUPER POWER IN QUESTION AND HER LACKEYS" AND SPEAKS OF "LEFTIST IDEOLOGY." A SECOND EDITORIAL THANKS GODS THAT AGAINST A "SUPER POWER AND ITS SATELLITES," ZAIRE HAS SO MANY "BROTHERLY AND FRIENDLY STATES" TO COME TO ITS ASSISTANCE. "SOCIAL-IMPERIAL-ISTS" AND "THEIR LACKEYS" ARE BLAMED FOR THE WAR. MOROCCO'S BENEFICENCE IS JUXTAPOSED WITH THE SHABAN AGGRESSION. IN THE

EVENING BROADCAST OF VOICE OF ZAIRE, THE INVADERS WERE WARNED
"YOUR DAYS ARE NUMBERED" AND TOLD "IT IS TIME YOU SOUGHT A REFUGE
OF PEACE AND STABILITY." THE REFUGE PRESUMABLY IS A REFERENCE
TO ZAIRE.

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7. DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION:
A. KINSHASA: BUSINESS AS USUAL.
B. LUBUMBASHI: BUSINESS AS USUAL.

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C. KAMINA: NO CHANGE REPORTED

D. KOLWEZI: A MARCH OF SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT IS PLANNED FOR MAY 10 IN KOLWEZI.

E. KANZENZE: SNCZ REPORTS THAT PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO TRICKLE BACK TO KANZENZE. WORK IS MOVING ALONG ON THE KANZENZE RAILROAD BRIDGE. ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE IS NOW ABOUT MAY 20.

F. MUTSHATSHA:

1) SNCZ REPORTS THEIR AGENTS ARE NOW AT WORK IN MUTSHATSHA, ALTHOUGH NO OTHER CIVILIANS HAD RETURNED TO THE RAILWAY CENTER AS OF MAY 4-5. WATER, ELECTRICITY AND TELEPHONES SHOULD BE FUNCTIONING BY THE END OF THE WEEK. THE ONLY SERIOUS DAMAGE IN THE AREA WAS THE BOMBING BY FAZ OF THE ELECTRICAL STATION AT MUTSHATSHA AND A TRANSFORMER NEAR KAYEMBE, BOTH OF WHICH ARE NOW BEING REPAIRED.

2) SNCZ HAS BEEN ASKED ON AN URGENT BASIS TO FIX UP A SUITABLE RESIDENCE IN MUTSHATSHA FOR THE PRESIDENT WHOM THEY UNDERSTAND PLANS TO BE A FREQUENT VISITOR.

3) SNCZ REPORTS THAT ONE FAZ DOCTOR, ONE SNCZ DOCTOR, AND SEVERAL NURSES WERE CAUGHT IN MUTSHATSHA WHEN THE TOWN WAS OCCUPIED BY THE INVADERS. RATHER THAN RETREAT TO DILOLO WHEN FAZ THREATENED, THEY CHOSE TO HEAD FOR THE ZAMBIAN BORDER TO AVOID THE EXPECTED FIGHTING, BUT WERE CAPTURED BY VILLAGERS AND TURNED OVER TO FAZ. SUBSEQUENTLY THE FAZ DOCTOR AND ONE NURSE WERE REPORTEDLY EXECUTED, PRESUMABLY FOR COLLABORATION.

4) SNCZ CONFIRMS THAT THE THREE LOCOMOTIVES AND APPROXIMATELY 30 WAGONS WHICH WERE CAPTURED WHEN THE INVADERS TOOK MUTSHATSHA WERE NO LONGER IN MUTSHATSHA WHEN FAZ RETURNED. THEY ASSUME THE INVADERS MOVED THEM TOWARDS THE ANGOLAN BORDER SINCE ONE OF THE LOCOMOTIVES WAS ELECTRIC AND CANNOT BE USED ANYWHERE WEST OF MUTSHATSHA (ONLY THE LINE TO THE EAST IS ELECTRIFIED), THEY BELIEVE THE CARS WERE TAKEN TO DENY THEM TO THE FAZ RATHER THAN FOR THEIR OWN USE.

8. AMERICAN CITIZEN SITUATION: STILL NO CONTACT WITH ANY OF MISSIONARIES IN CAPTURED AREAS.

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